

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
February 4, 2013 at 7p.m
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: Cynthia Hyde, Jon Stantz, and Dean Bruce

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Attorney Richard Lorenz, Chief Marshal Richard Foutch, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, Michael Stanley,

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR January 22nd, 2013 REGULAR MEETING

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Jon Stantz and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

The Board reviewed a public issue from the last meeting regarding a sewer adjustment for Pat Hill. They unanimously agreed that this particular situation, whereby the resident was absent from their home did not meet any criteria for an adjustment under town code, nor was there any reason for a hardship consideration. The Clerk-Treasurer said that they would work with Ms. Hill on setting up a payment plan to assist her.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch presented a copy of the newly revised Spencer Police Department By-Laws for Reserves for review and approval by the Town Council at the next meeting. Richard Foutch asked to have a copy sent to him so he could make suggestions.

Next, Foutch requested to submit a grant to SCI REMC for the k-9. There is no set amount, but when Officer Bonebrake makes a list of his needs, that is what he will request. Chief Foutch stated once training is complete, it should be self-sufficient in the future because of funds coming in from drug searches. They are also intending to apply for the Drug Free grant. Cynthia Hyde requested that the Town provide some seed money, until such time that the fund becomes self-sufficient.

Jon Stantz made a motion to allow the Police Dept to submit the grant Application to SCI REMC for the K-9 Fund. It was seconded and passed 3-0.

Jon Stantz made a motion to set aside \$3,000 as seed money from the Rainy Fund (if unavailable in the General Fund) to provide money to the K-9 fund. It was seconded and passed 3-0.

Next Chief Foutch said there were a couple of situations at the elementary school that he wanted to address. One was the hours posted on the parking signs, and the visibility of the signs. Secondly, he said that children currently are exiting cars in the middle of the street and cutting between cars. Larry Parrish mentioned that some of the signs may be owned by the school, but he would look at what are ours, and get back to Richard Foutch. Foutch said once he gets the information, he will approach the school about what can be done to improve the situation.

Lastly, Marshal Foutch discussed the Operating Outside guidelines when assisting the County. He asked the Council to look it over and approve it. He said it is a basic outline that he and the Sheriff agreed upon verbally, on how the police officers should respond. Richard Lorenz said that this is a mutual aid agreement, but Cynthia said it is just meant as a guideline for the Spencer police officers. The town board made comments, but had no disagreement with the guidelines.

Richard Lorenz addressed the issue of the Police working their days off for the schools but as Town employees, and said he was looking into a new development that would allow the police to work over 40 hours without being required to pay overtime. Once he finds out who to contact on this, he will report back.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish discussed an erosion problem on the west side of Cooper Park. He also reported that they received their new spreader box and it works great. He had nothing else to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported there was a sewer back up problem at 265 W. Market on a private sewer line. He said the issue here is, the line is very old, and it has 5 hookups on it. He suggested that the Town

can fix this problem by installing a manhole, since the residents have no recourse. Richard Lorenz agreed to work with John Hodge in getting access to the property in order to install the manhole.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

Richard Foutch sent out letters to all the members to determine who will be continuing on. He said he would get a resolution for this at the next meeting. Cynthia Hyde said she is aware of two resignations and has an idea for one recommendation, but would like any suggestions from others.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Richard Lorenz reported that he met with Phil Bastian and the Territory Board to go over the list of hydrants that are maintained by the Fire Territory. The privately owned and maintained hydrants were identified as well. All hydrants are mapped, and the water company has provided maps of the water lines to Fire Territory as well.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz presented a claim to the Board for approval for the Hazard Mitigation Program in the amount of \$3,268.19 which will close out the escrow account.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for approval.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the claims as presented. It was seconded and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Dean Bruce motioned to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

_____ Cynthia Hyde, President	_____ Jon Stantz, Vice-President	_____ Dean Bruce, Board Member
Attest:_____		
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer		